



OUR LADY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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Headteacher's message: *Ms Justine McDonald*

Wednesday 27th January was Holocaust Memorial Day and the theme of this year commemoration was 'Don't Stand By'. This theme formed the centre of our reflection in Headteachers' Assemblies this week. We have a responsibility to not just 'never forget' about the horrors of the Holocaust, but to be actively building communities that will not allow such atrocities to be repeated. As a Servite community we believe in respecting diversity and building communities of compassion and service.

Let us resolve not to be bystanders but to be with Jesus in being "good news" to those who suffer, or have suffered, genocide. Let our attitudes and our actions "set the downtrodden free"
Committee for Catholic Jewish Relations

The Year 10 students celebrated Mass on Wednesday and it was a beautiful and reflective start to their Justice and Peace day. The visitors who worked with the girls commented on the respectful attitudes and behaviour of our students, and were impressed by their knowledge and understanding of issues such as global warming. There is more about the day in the news section below.

Finally, I would like to draw parent's attention to the fact that we are currently reviewing our school policy on Drugs. There will be some substantial re-writing of the current policy, making the document easier to understand, more logical in its layout and to bring it in-line with current practice and regulations. As part of the review the Governing Body would appreciate feedback from parents. The current document is available on our website under the 'About Us' tab and the 'policies' from the side menu. If you have comments or feedback that you would like to share please email to officeadmin@ourladys.hackney.sch.uk with **Policy Review** in the subject.

The current policy can be found at:

<http://www.ourladys.hackney.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=14>

Finally, I wanted to take this opportunity to mention our feature in **Hackney Today**; page 13 of the edition published on 25th January includes an article highlighting the excellent work of our Sixth Form students in their Community Service. Eighteen of our students have helped to revamp an estate community garden. I am so delighted by, and proud of, the impact our students have in our local area. Congratulations!



Announcements: *Events and important dates*

Year 7 Bushcraft Trip Deposit

Reminder to all Year 7 Parents, that the deposit of £20 for the Bushcraft trip is due in on Monday 1st Feb. This is an amazing opportunity for your daughter to celebrate her completion of

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Year 7 in a different learning environment. Your daughter has been given a letter for you to complete and there will be a further parents' information evening closer to the time.

Year 11 parents Information Evening: Wednesday 3rd Feb - starting at 5.30pm. This event is to give parents information and guidance to support their daughter in the final preparation for GCSE examinations.

Year 9 Parents Information evening: Wednesday 10th Feb - starting at 5.30pm. This event is to give parents the information required to understand the options process which will take place in March (the Year 9 Options Evening is on the Thursday 3rd March).

Year 12/13 Parents Evening – Thursday, 25th February 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Just a reminder to parents of Year 12/13 students, our consultation evening is on Thursday, 25th February from 5pm. You should have received a separate letter with the details, please return your reply slip as soon as possible.

The Scope Great Donate 2016 finishes on Friday 12th of February 2016. Please bring in donations - full details are below.

School Term Dates

School term dates for 2016-2017 have been distributed. Please take note of them and ensure that family holidays do not occur during term time.

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<i>First day of term for students:</i> Wednesday 7th September <i>Last day of term for students:</i> Thursday, 22nd December 2016	<i>First day of term for students:</i> Thursday 5th January 2017 <i>Last day of term for students:</i> Friday, 31st March 2017	<i>First day of term for students:</i> Tuesday, 18th April 2017 <i>Last day of term for students:</i> Friday, 21st July 2017
INSET DAYS Monday, 5 th September 2016 Tuesday, 6 th September 2016 Monday, 31 st October 2016	INSET DAY Wednesday, 4 th January 2017	Bank Holiday Monday, 1 st May 2017 INSET DAY Thursday, 29 th June 2017
Half-term Monday 24 th October 2016 to Friday, 28 th October 2016	Half-term Monday 13 th February 2017 to Friday 17 th February 2017	Half-term Monday 29 th May 2017 To Friday, 2 nd June 2017

Reports and News

Netball Results 2016

Ms Wilburn, Head of PE

After a bit of a delay the year 7 and 8 Netball teams have played their first matches this season. Year 7 had a tentative start with a 2- 3 loss to Skinners Academy, followed up with a 3 -3 draw to Cardinal Pole. **Beverlyn Dwenbeng-Boadi** and then **Britney Londono Vallejo** were voted players of the game.

Year 8 started with a draw against Skinners 1 -1 but then beat Cardinal Pole 3 -1. Players of the game were **Sephora Mubato** and then **Lois Sarkodie**.

Student of the Month

Mr. Smith, Assistant Headteacher

The following students from each Year Group and then from each Form Class received the most number of Achievement for the four weeks from Monday 07 December to Friday 15 January: a big WELL DONE to them.

Student of the Month Year Groups:

Year 7	Rebecca Issak 7M
Year 8	Nia Tackie 8J
Year 9	Mariana Andrade Chaves 9H
Year 9	Bethany Darkah 10M
Year 10	Jemima Matuba 11J

Student of the Month Forms

7H	Rhoda Sakate & Soliana Tesema	8H	Lauren Sustituya
7J	Roksana Owczarek & Jasmine Edebiri	8J	Kimberley Santos Rodrigues
7M	Julietta Finn-Mattai	8M	Myleisha Coutinho
7P	Claudia Szyfer	8P	Natalia Grzesik
9H	Jenai Elliott	10H	Olivia Owczarek & Shannon Duffley
9J	Drew Greenan-Kitchener	10J	Laura Patino Granada
9M	Grace Harvey-Nguyen	10M	Gamze Demirci & Brenda Ojeleye
9P	Katie McCaughey	10P	Faithful Owusu & Emily Kelly

11H	Joy Sustituya
11J	Samantha Routledge
11M	Hannah Odebode & Mandy Tan
11P	Jenna Colaco

The Scope Great Donate 2016

Mr Duran, Community Outreach Co-ordinator



Starting this Friday 29th of January, Our Lady's Convent High School is running a fortnight appeal on behalf of Scope UK.

The Great Donate is an opportunity to raise money for this charity's vital work supporting the rights of disabled people across the UK. Since 2015 the school has been working closely with the local Scope charity shop on Stamford Hill,

where students provide weekly support as part of their Servite Community Service.

Donations can include the following unwanted items;

Clothing, books, handbags, jewellery, CD's and DVD's, homeware, mobile-phones.

Every full bag of donations earns the charity £20.

70p of each donated pound goes towards supporting disabled people and their families, so they can have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Please collect Scope donation bags from the main entrance and return collected items to the school's main office. **Collections end on Friday 12th of February 2016.**

Justice & Peace Workshop

Ms Price, Head of RE

On Wednesday January 27th 2016 Year 10 took part in workshops unpacking the theme Our Common Home in relation to the work of staff from various organisations who support the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission.

The day began with Mass where Fr. Michael used the parable of the Sower to help us reflect on our need to be 'nourished by good fertile soil' so that we can grow strong and develop properly. Part of that nourishment he reminded us comes from our home and family life and another part is provided by school through such days as our Justice and Peace day. We prayed that the Holy Spirit would open our hearts to help us listen, reflect and engage with those people who were coming in to share their experience and make us think! Each student attended 4 out of the 7 workshops listed below:

- Nora and Roland from the London Catholic Workers whose topic was- Peace, community and destitution
- Scott (also a LCW) dealt with Peace action/resistance to injustice
- Matt from Pax Christi: The work of peace-making
- Anne from CAFOD : Fairtrade: Poverty, and our responsibilities as consumers
- Joe and Annie (also CAFOD): Climate Change - what can we do about it?
- Summer from Progressio: What do we understand by poverty?
- Joanna from St Vincent de Paul: What direct help can we give, and what really helps?



MFL: Linklaters Work Place Visit

Sofia Tessarin Hepburn & Jemima Matuba 11J



Last term, language students visited Linklaters International Law Firm. It was a fantastic and exciting experience as we had the chance to not only develop our presentational skills but also to enhance our French, Mandarin and Spanish speaking skills.

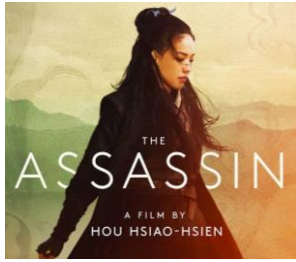
We enjoyed interacting with those working there and asking them questions about their work and how languages have helped them become who they are today. We had a tour of the offices, which was very interesting as we met with many people along the way with interesting stories to tell. In addition, we got to use our language skills by playing communication games and communicating via Skype with workers in France, Spain and China.

We truly enjoyed our experience there. It was a one in a lifetime opportunity and made us realise just how important languages are and how languages can help us make decisions about our futures.

Some of us even spoke about the event in our recent Speaking Controlled Assessments.

Mandarin Trip to China Town

Kehinde Oyebola (13J) and Taiwo Oyebola (13P)



Last Friday, the A level Mandarin Chinese students went to Ping Pang restaurant to sample some traditional Chinese food and drink, including Dim Sum and tea. The food was very delicious, although it was very different to the Chinese food we are used to here!

After an early dinner, we made a 5 minute walk to the BFI cinema where we watched a Chinese film called the Assassin. The film, which was in Chinese was very interesting with amazing and vivid visuals of Ancient China in the Tang Dynasty.

All in all, it was a great evening and it encouraged us to not only work on our Chinese, but to also appreciate the cultural side of learning the language.

Many thanks to Miss Li and Miss Chen who organised the event for us.

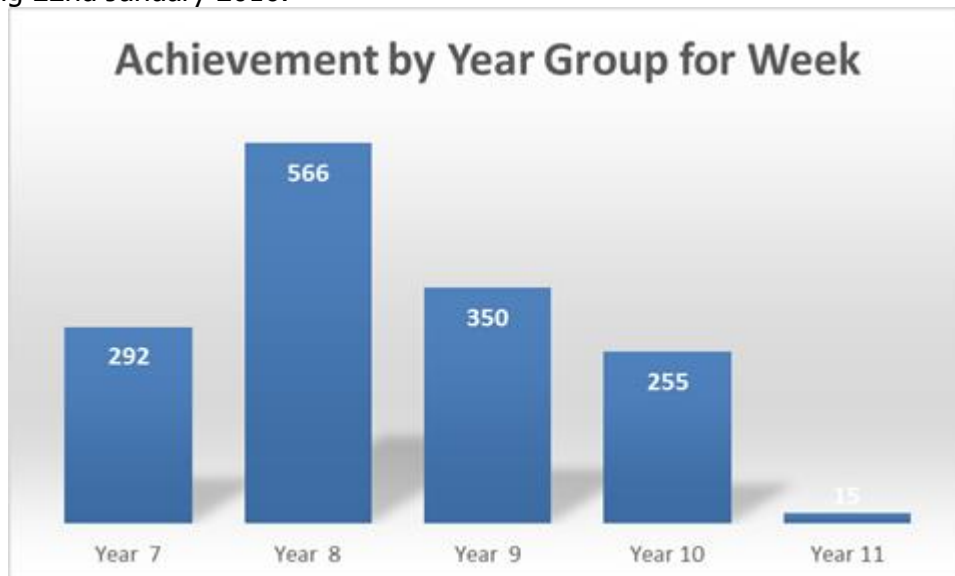
Charity Collection

Update from Abisola Ipaye 13J

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection recently for the charity Holocaust Educational Trust which raised the sum total of £70.68.

Recognising Achievement: *Mr. Smith, Assistant Headteacher.*

The table below shows the total number of achievement points received by each year group for week ending 22nd January 2016.



Attendance and Punctuality: *Dr. Blackwell, Deputy Headteacher*

The table below shows the Form within each year group achieving the best attendance and the form achieving the best punctuality for the week ending 22nd January 2016.

	Attendance		Punctuality	
	Form	%	Form	%
Year 7	7M	97.81	7H	98.33
Year 8	8H	98.44	8J	99.67
Year 9	9J	98	9H	98.12
Year 10	10J	97.74	10H	98
Year 11	11J	97.93	11J	98.62
